

November 4, 1970

Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

On February 19, 1970, I telephonically contacted the secret service agent in charge of the Seattle office, Elmer Moore, in reference to a photograph reproduced on page 128 in Josiah Thompson's book "Six Seconds in Dallas".

Mr. Moore said he never read the book or many others that were critical of the Warren Commission's basic conclusions. This did not surprise me. Nor did it surprise me that he lectured me for some forty minutes on my "anti-logical, somewhat anti-patriotic" suspicions in reference to the report. He said it was, of course, the most thoroughly investigated crime in American History, etc., etc.. Then he said something that did surprise me to no end.

He said he and others studied the photos of President Kennedy's head wounds and that nothing was out of the ordinary? He told me that the photos could not prove anything worthwhile. I asked him about having competent medico-legal personnel take a look at the photos. Again, he said something to the effect, "It wouldn't prove anything".

I believe that agent Moore was either lying to me or that the Warren Report statements are a fraud as to the status of the autopsy photos. Could you make a comment on this?

I am also interested in agent Moore's role in the actual investigation. He told me he was involved in the investigation on a high level.

Agent Moore also was dumbfounded or taken back when I asked him where he was on November 22, 1963, as he was supposed to be assigned to the Dallas office.

(He failed to submit a written report according to Sylvia Meager's book "Accessories After the Fact".) After a pause, he said he was in San Francisco. I suppose he was, but by this point in our conversation I was suspecting him of credibility gaps.

Since this phone conversation with agent Moore, I've tried to learn as much about this awful thing as I can. I believe you can best respond to my questions about agent Moore's assertions better than most, since you were one of the first to gather data on the subject. I would be very grateful for any comments or data you could supply me with. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Gochenaur".

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